

**FIRE HOUSE REMOVAL AROUSES PROTESTS OF 'FALLS' BUSINESS MEN**

Transfer of Company From Ridge and Midvale Avenues Threatens Section's Safety, Residents Say

**OFFICIALS DEFEND ACT**

Action protesting against the removal of Engine Company No. 25 from its headquarters at Ridge and Midvale avenues is pronounced by business men and property owners in the Falls of Schuylkill. The firemen with their apparatus were ordered out of the station yesterday on the ground that remodeling of the building was to begin immediately. The engine and apparatus house wagon were taken to fire headquarters, while the men were distributed among other companies throughout the city.

Since that time the section, which embraces many large mills and manufacturing establishments, has no engine company nearer than Manayunk, four miles away, or Germantown, an almost equal distance. John W. Flanigan, president of the Falls of Schuylkill Business Men's Association today said that he intends to bring the matter before the association at its meeting next Tuesday night, with a view to having the company installed in temporary quarters in the vicinity, so that residents may not be deprived of fire-protection during the period of repairing the Ridge avenue station.

"I have talked with other business men and property owners," said Mr. Flanigan today, "and they are indignant at the way the city has treated us. It is an outrage that the company should be removed. If repairs were necessary many other sites for a temporary station could have been obtained right here in the Falls. Two locations within a short distance from the engine house have been secured. The Small estate offered a property on Ridge avenue at Scott's lane, and a garage next door to the fire station could easily have been adapted to the purpose. In the latter case the firemen could have slept in the police station, which adjoins the engine house. Both of these offers were rejected by the city and the company was disbanded temporarily. I am going to bring the situation before the Business Men's Association Tuesday night, and we will try to have the company sent back.

A. G. Rosenberger, treasurer of the Powers-Weightman-Rosenberger Company, whose laboratories are located a short distance away from the firehouse, is also indignant at the removal of the men and apparatus.

"Our company offered a site to the city for a temporary building," he said. "We have several hundred thousand dollars invested in property here in the Falls and we do not want to risk the prospective long absence of fire protection. The city did not see fit to accept our offer, but we are going to see if, by taking up the matter with other property owners, we can have the authorities reconsider their action and restore the company."

William J. Cooley, chief clerk of the Department of Public Safety, said today that the engine company had been disbanded only temporarily so that the contractor could get to work on the alterations and repairs, which are badly needed.

"Every effort has been made to find a suitable location to house the company while the repairs are being made," Mr. Cooley said. "In fact, negotiations are under way for the leasing of the garage at 1214 Ridge avenue. An opinion on the subject is awaited from the City Solicitor. The property is owned by the John F. Metz estate, but it has been sublet. As soon as the arrangements are completed the engine company will be installed in the garage on Ridge avenue, virtually next door to the old engine house."

Fire Chief Murphy scouted the idea that the fire danger was increased because the company temporarily had been disbanded. "The apparatus and men have been distributed among three engine companies—No. 29, in Roxborough; No. 12, in Manayunk, and Engine Company 45, at Twenty-sixth and York streets," he said. "The danger now is even less than it was before. Motor-driven apparatus has been substituted in the three houses just named, and they can make better time in getting to fires in the section in question than Company 25 could with horse-drawn apparatus."

Chief Murphy said that Company 25 would be installed in the garage near the old engine house as soon as the lease was signed, and that motor-driven apparatus would be introduced there.

**LAVENDER OR PINK CARS URGED TO "HUMANIZE RAILROADS"**

Individual Washrooms Favored by Illinois Central Woman Stockholder

CHICAGO, Oct. 19.—Cretone curtains and draperies, individual washrooms and rare lavender or pink cars to suit lady's taste are ideas Miss Katharine R. Day, of New York, advanced in the meeting of stockholders of the Illinois Central Railroad here today.

"Just humanizing and modernizing, railroads is what I call it," Miss Day said. "Why cannot traveling in America be made pleasant rather than at least unattractive?" Miss Day has just returned from San Diego. She owns two shares of Illinois Central stock.

**DISCONTINUING RELIEF**

Aid to Families of Returned Soldiers to Be Withdrawn

At a meeting of the citizen soldiers' relief committee held in the Mayor's office this morning it was decided to discontinue of being relief to the families of the soldiers of the Third Regiment, which has returned and been mustered out of service.

Relief of the families of the First Regiment soldiers will be discontinued next week, when that regiment is mustered out. While the Second Regiment and six companies of the Sixth Regiment remain at the better relief will be continued to their families. The committee, it was announced by Colonel Sheldon Potter, who presided, has plenty of money to care for the remaining families.



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MRS. MYRTLE COVENTRY

**BLAMES CHEAP NOVELS FOR WIFE'S ERRANDRY**

Young Woman Leaves Husband and Boy for More Freedom

To the reading of cheap novels is attributed the strange disappearance of Mrs. Myrtle Coventry, who left her home at 2334 Turner street two weeks ago, according to her husband, William Coventry. The woman, who is only twenty-one years of age, had a mania for fiction of the cheaper grade, and was often found engrossed in a novel during her meals. She was also passionately fond of sensational motion pictures, says Coventry.

Coventry has asked the police to search for the missing woman, who left a four-year-old son behind. The boy has been grieving over his mother's disappearance and refuses to be consoled.

In a note the missing woman left for her husband she explains that she wanted more freedom than she had been accustomed to, and that she desired to make and spend her own money. Another paragraph told how she had tried to ward off the desire to go away. She asked that the family not worry about her, as she felt confident of finding suitable employment. Coventry said his wife had once asked his permission to let her work, but that he refused. He said she was a millinery designer before he married her and might possibly seek such employment.

The family moved to this city in July. Coventry is employed on the construction work of the Frankford "L."

The missing woman is described as being medium height, dark-complexioned, weighing about 112 pounds. She was attired in a dark-blue serge suit with an astrakhan coat. She wore a black velvet hat.

**Woman Found Unconscious Near Home**

Bertha McCormick, of 236 North Ninth street, was found unconscious near Ninth and Race streets today. It is believed that she took an overdose of morphine. She was sent to the Hahnemann Hospital. Two men who were with her were arrested. They gave their names as John Lally, of 926 North Ninth street, and Joseph McNulty, of South St. Bernard street. Each was held in \$500 bail by Magistrate Collins to await the result of the woman's condition.

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**SOLDIER'S WIFE TRIES TO DIE; MISSES HIM**

His Regiment Didn't Return. She Swallows Poison and Inhales Gas

Despondency, because of the prolonged absence of her husband and the failure of his regiment to return to Philadelphia from the Mexican border, led Mrs. Catherine Eames, 3533 Sears street, to attempt suicide last night. She drank the contents of a bottle of iodine, ate a box of insect powder, and finally inhaled gas. She was revived in St. Agnes' Hospital, and it was said there today that she would recover. Mrs. Eames was found unconscious on a bed by her two children, Catherine, fourteen years old, and George, ten years old. They called neighbors, who helped revive her before she was taken to the hospital. The woman's husband is a private in Company B, Second Regiment. Mrs. Eames was happy, neighbors say, when two regiments returned to Philadelphia, thinking the second would follow, but she became despondent when she learned the regiment would remain at the border until January.

**OIL CITY GETS ODD FELLOWS**

Eighty-seventh Convention at Chambersburg Picks It for 1918

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa., Oct. 15.—The eighty-seventh annual session of the Grand Encampment of Odd Fellows closed here today. Next year Oil City will have the meeting.

The grand officers elected were: Grand patriarch—George B. McDowell, Pittsford.

Grand high priest—G. H. Banes, Altoona. Grand senior warden—L. A. Jones, Pittsburgh.

Grand scribe—Edwin L. Ritter, Philadelphia. Grand treasurer—J. Henry Bellet, Harrisburg.

Grand junior warden—J. A. Strite, Chambersburg.

**Speeds to Aid Mother; Hurts Woman**

John Lynch, twenty-one years old, a special delivery messenger, will be arraigned in the Twentieth and Buttonwood police court today on a charge of reckless driving. While speeding to a drug store with a prescription for his mother, whom he had found sick and lying unconscious in a cellarette when he returned home from work, his motorcycle struck Mrs. Elizabeth Montgomery, thirty-eight years old, 322 North Bucknell street, at Twenty-second and Brown streets, last night. After the accident he obtained the medicine and returned it to his mother, then gave himself up to the police. Mrs. Montgomery was not seriously hurt.

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**TRAIN DITCHED, TWO DIE; WRECKERS GET BLAME**

Steel Coaches Save Passengers at Manitowoc, Wis.—Crew of Engine Killed

MANITOWOC, Wis., Oct. 15.—Train No. 111, Milwaukee to Ashland, on the Northwestern Railway, was wrecked here today and the fireman and engineer killed when the train jumped the track and plunged into a ditch. Steel coaches saved the passengers. Railroad men said the wreck was caused by train wreckers. The motive is not known.

**Rallies in Gloucester County**

SWEDENBORO, N. J., Oct. 15.—Republicans held a rally here last night, addressed by Congressman Walter M. Bagges, of New York, and Judge Charles C. Pilgrim, of Newark. Another meeting was also held by the Republicans at Mantua, with John B. Kales, of Camden County, and ex-Senator J. Boyd Avis, of Woodbury, as the speakers.

**MRS. LE DUC IMPROVES; WILL NOT GO TO PRISON**

Hotel Tragedy Survivor to Be Turned Over to Coroner as Witness

All arrangements have been made between the Detective Bureau and the Coroner's office for a rapid disposition of the case of Mrs. Joseph Le Duc, of Chicago, survivor of the triple shooting at the Hotel Walton, who is under police guard at the Jefferson Hospital as a material witness. "Slowly improving, but still in serious condition," was the report made of her condition today to Captain of Detectives Tate by Detective Callahan, head of the "murder

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squad," who has charge of the case. An attack of pneumonia followed extraction of the bullet. As soon as Mrs. Le Duc is sufficiently recovered, Captain Tate said, she will be arraigned before a magistrate and turned over to the Coroner immediately, so as to spare her being imprisoned to await the action. In the meantime visitors are barred from seeing the wounded woman, in spite of various subterfuges being employed by persons who wish to visit her. Captain Tate said he had received no word from Mrs. Le Duc's husband since he returned to Chicago ten days ago.

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